Please do not allow media empires to gain ologopic control of mass communications in America. This would be a disastrous decision with long-lasting consequences for the health of our republic. At a time when patriotism is publicly proclaimed as the measure of all actions, it would be bitterly ironic to dismantle the remaining protections of our capacity to engage in meaningful democratic discourse. Patriotism demands more difficult, and courageous, decisions than just waving the flag. You, the commissioners of the FCC, stand at a historic crossroads. How you vote on this issue, though conspicuously under-reported at present, will be remembered for generations to come. How you are remembered is up to you.